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SUBJECT: SECOND TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS - SITUATION REPORT #1

1. ATHENS AND THESSALONIKI ARE CALM WITH ALL PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES FUNCTIONING NORMALLY EXCEPT FOR AIRPORTS. ATHENS AND THESSALONIKI AIRPORTS ARE UNDER MILITARY CONTROL AND PERMISSION MUST BE GRANTED BY AIR FORCE AUTHORITIES OPERATING CONTROL TOWERS FOR COMMERCIAL AIRLINES TO LAND. TO BEST OF EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE ALL FOREIGN COMMERCIAL AIRLINES HAVE STOPPED FLIGHTS IN ATHENS AND THESSALONIKI AIRPORTS.

2. CONSULAR SECTION HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS QUERIES FROM AMERICAN CITIZENS RESIDENT IN ATHENS (31,000 REGISTERED U.S. CITIZENS) AND TOURISTS. NUMBER OF AMERICAN TOURISTS NOW IN GREECE IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE BUT FAR FEWER THAN DURING JULY 20 CRISIS. CONSULAR OFFICERS ADVISING AMERICAN CITIZENS TO REMAIN CALM, TAKE PRUDENT PRECAUTIONS AND KEEP IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY AND THROUGH AIR FORCE RADIO STATION.

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3. FM MAVROS WITH ACTING PRESIDENT CLERIDES RETURNED TO ATHENS ABOUT 1100 HOURS LOCAL TIME. MAVROS SAID ON ARRIVAL THAT HE HAD NO SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE EXCEPT THAT HE WOULD SEE PM CARAMANLIS IMMEDIATELY AND THAT HE ANTICIPATED AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE FOLLOWING COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING 1200 HOURS. UNDERSTAND ACTING CYPRIOT PRESIDENT CLERIDES ACCOMPANYING MAVROS TO MEETING. OTHER HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS OF CIVILIANS AND MILITARY TAKING PLACE.

4. BANKS CLOSED AS DURING JULY 20 CRISIS WITH NO WITHDRAWALS FROM ACCOUNTS.

5. ATHENS POLICE ON OWN INITIATIVE HAVE INCREASED SECURITY PROTECTION FOR EMBASSY; ABOUT 50 ADDITIONAL UNIFORMED POLICE ARRIVED AT EMBASSY MID-MORNING AND REMAIN.

6. ATHENS RADIO CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT 1100 HOURS THAT 3 UNITS OF SOVIET FLEET PASSED THROUGH DARDANELLES THIS MORNING HEADING SOUTHWARD. ATHENIANS DOWNTOWN GATHER IN CLUSTERS AROUND CAR RADIOS LISTENING TO CONTINUOUS NEWSCASTS.
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